

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Requirement for Restriction mailed March 28, 2006 in the above-identified application.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121.

I. Claims 1-12, directed to providing a common time base between different locations on Earth, classified in Class 702, subclass 89.

II. Claims 13-26, directed to determining ranging information to a spacecraft, classified in class 342, subclass 357.01.

In response, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-12, for prosecution in the present application.

Claims 1-3, 6-8, 11-18, 25 and 26 have been amended. Claims 23 and 24 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added.

In the amended claims, independent claim 13 has been amended to depend from claim 1, independent claim 18 has been amended to depend from claim 6, independent claim 25 has been amended to depend from claim 11, and independent claim 26 has been amended to depend from 12. Accordingly, claims 13-22, 25 and 26 depend from the elected claims of Group I and are no longer subject to restriction. For this reason, the Examiner is respectfully requested to transfer claims 13-22, 25 and 26 to Group I and to examine claims 1-22, 25 and 26 in the present application.

The application is now ready for examination on the merits. If there are questions regarding this response, please contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,

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